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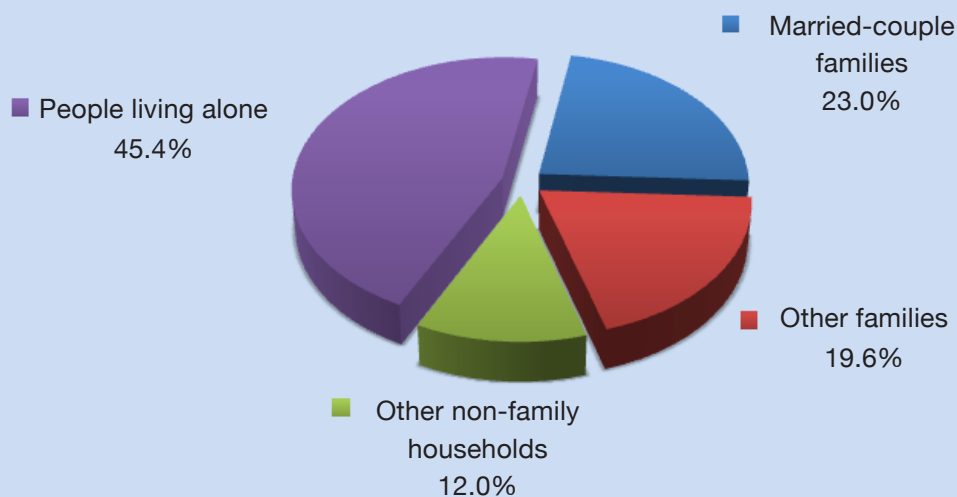
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Characteristics of Households and Families in the District: 2009-2013 ACS

Households and Families

In 2009-2013, there were 263,649 households in the District of Columbia. The average household size was 2.2 people. Families made up 43 percent of the households in the District of Columbia. This figure includes both married-couple families (23 percent) and other families (20 percent) (Figure 1). Of other families, 8 percent were female householder families with no husband present and own children under 18 years. Non-family households made up 57 percent of all households in the District of Columbia. Most of the non-family households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

Figure 1: Types of Households in the District of Columbia in 2009 - 2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

In the District of Columbia, 20.7 percent of all households have one or more people under the age of 18; 20.5 percent of all households have one or more people 65 years and over. Among persons aged 15 and older, 29 percent of males and 24 percent of females are currently married (Table 1).

Table 1: Marital Status 2009 - 2013		
Population 15 years and over	Males %	Females %
Never married	58.2	55.7
Now married, except separated	28.8	24.1
Separated	2.4	2.5
Widowed	2.1	7.2
Divorced	8.5	10.4

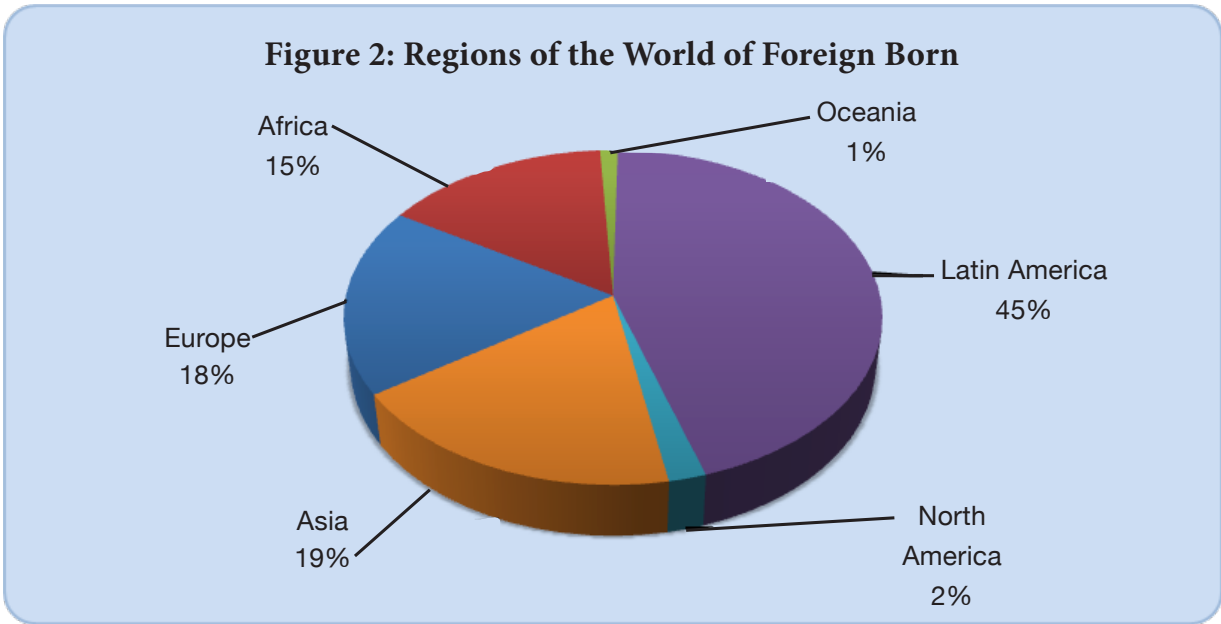
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

Nativity and Foreign Born

Eighty-six percent of the people living in the District of Columbia in 2009-2013 were native residents of the United States. Thirty-seven percent of these residents were living in the state in which they were born (meaning 37% of those residents are DC natives).

Fourteen percent of the people living in the District of Columbia in 2009-2013 were foreign born. Of the foreign born population, 40 percent were naturalized U.S. citizens, and 91 percent entered the country before the year 2010. Nine percent of the foreign born entered the country in 2010 or later.

Foreign born residents of the District of Columbia come from different parts of the world (Figure 2).

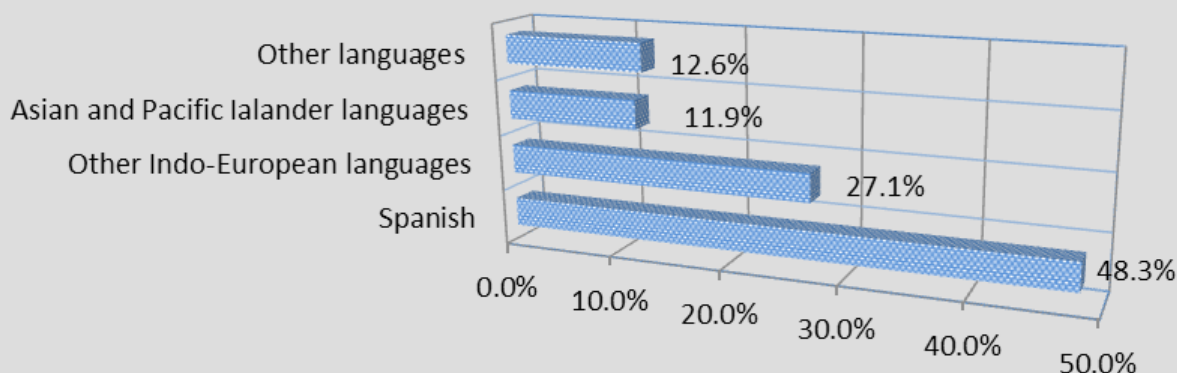


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

Language

Among people at least five years old living in the District of Columbia in 2009-2013, 15.8 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 48.3 percent spoke Spanish (Figure 3), and 51.56 percent spoke some other language; 30.6 percent reported that they did not speak English “very well.”

Figure 3: Population 5 years old and over who speak a Language Other than English in the District in 2009-2013

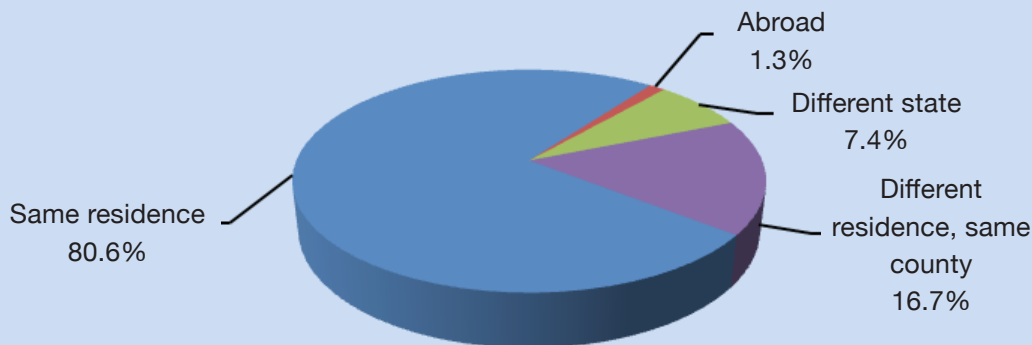


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Geographic Mobility

In 2009-2013, 80.6 percent of people at least one year old living in the District of Columbia were living in the same residence one year earlier (Figure 4).

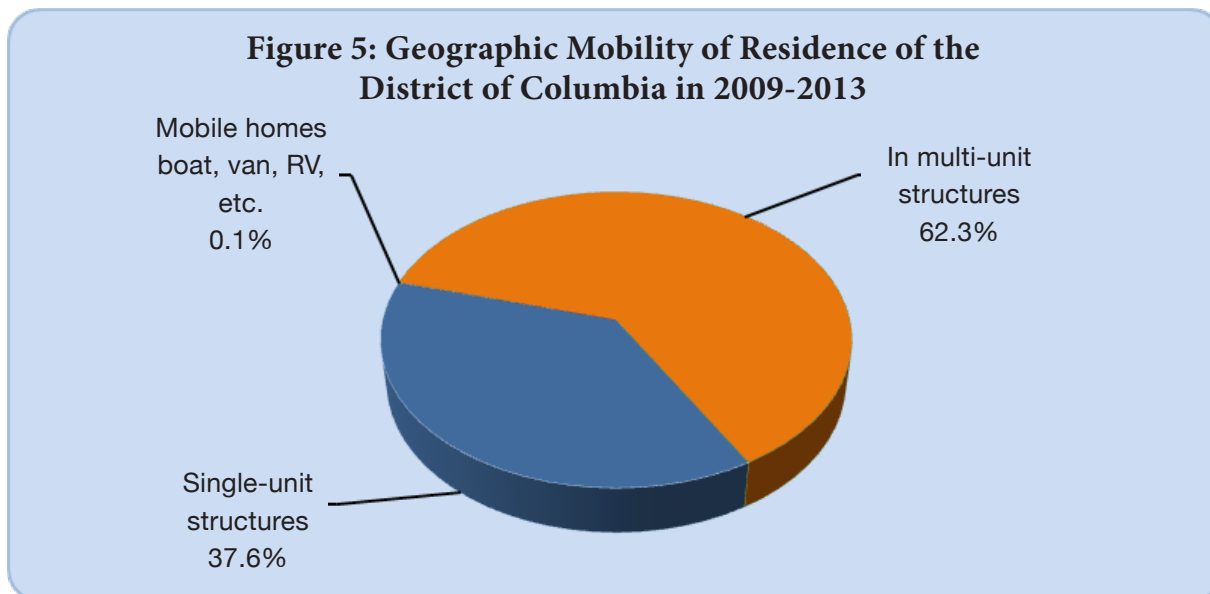
Figure 4: Geographic Mobility of Residence of the District in 2009-2013



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Housing Characteristics

In 2009-2013, the District of Columbia had a total of 298,327 housing units, 12 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 37.6 percent were in single-unit structures, 62.3 percent were in multi-unit structures, and less than 0.1 percent were mobile homes, boat, van, RV, etc. (Figure 5). Twelve percent of the housing units were built since 1990 and after.



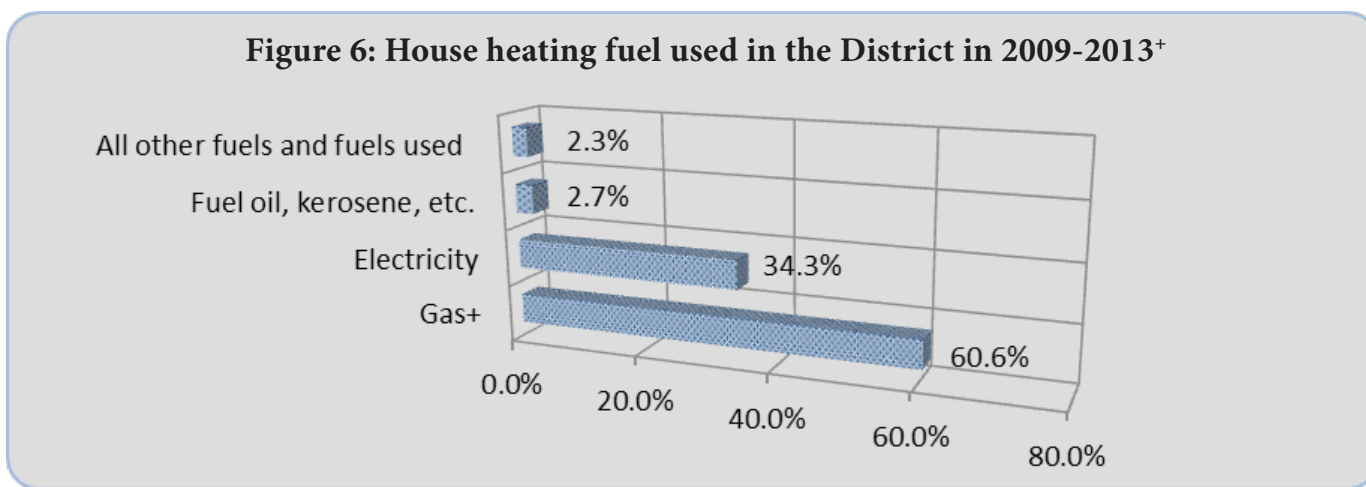
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The median number of rooms in all housing units (302,975) in the District of Columbia is four. Of all housing units, 33 percent have three or more bedrooms.

Occupied Housing Unit Characteristics

In 2009-2013, the District of Columbia had 263,649 occupied housing units – 111,070 (42 percent) owner occupied and 152,579 (58 percent) were renter occupied. Seventy-one percent of householders in occupied housing units had moved in since 2000 or later. Seventy-eight percent of the owner-occupied units had a mortgage. Three percent of all occupied housing units did not have telephone service and thirty-seven percent had no vehicles available, while another four percent of occupied households had three or more vehicles.

Homes in the District of Columbia were heated in the following ways:



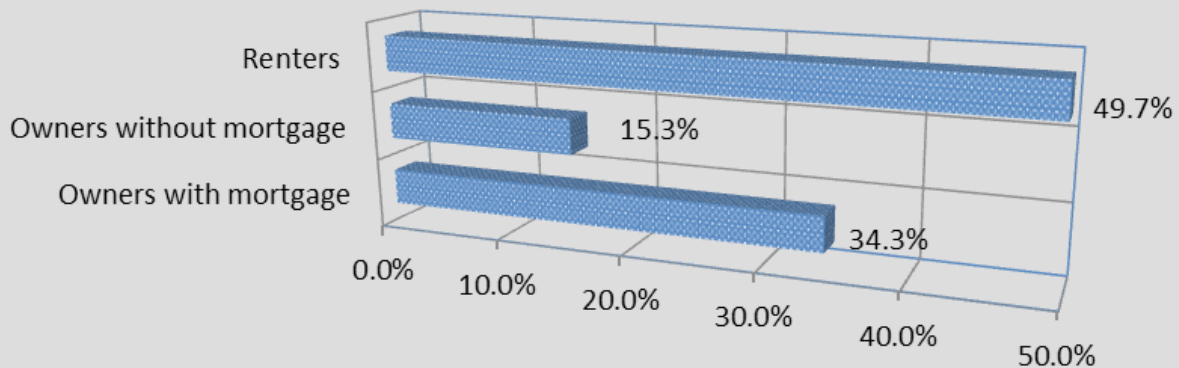
⁺This category includes utility, bottled, tank, or LP gas

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

Housing Costs

The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$2,344, \$586 for non-mortgage owners, and \$1,242 for renters. Thirty-four percent of owners with mortgages, 15 percent of owners without mortgages, and 50 percent of renters in the District of Columbia spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

Figure 7: Occupants with a Housing Cost Burden in the District in 2009-2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value.

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